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ISRAEL -- FOLLOW UP WITH EGYPTIANS

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FOLLOWING IS FROM AMBASSADOR EILTS IN ALEXANDRIA:

1. WHILE WAITING TO MEET WITH SADAT THIS MORNING IN ALEXANDRIA,
I HAD BRIEF OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS REF SUBJECT WITH FONMIN
KAMEL AND AHMED MAHER. I TOLD THEM VOTE WILL NOW PROBABLY TAKE
PLACE ON MONDAY AND URGED THAT GOE DO WHAT IT CAN BEFORE THAT TIME.

2. ALTHOUGH KAMEL WAS CALLED AWAY TO MEET WITH SADAT, MAHER TOLD
ME THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR PERTINENT TALK YESTERDAY (REF A),
MFA/CAIRO WAS QUERIED BY FONMIN AS TO THE STATUS OF THE IRAQI
RESOLUTION AND WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO ABORT IT. MFA/CAIRO REPLY
INDICATED THAT, AS OF LAST READING, ALL ARAB STATES EXCEPT
LIBYA AND PDRY ARE COSPONSORING RESOLUTION.
IN CIRCUMSTANCES, MAHER SAID HE HOPED WE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT GOE
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SIMPLE CANNOT WITHDRAW ITS COSPONSORSHIP WITHOUT SUBJECTING
ITSELF TO SEVERE CENSURE FROM ALL OF THE ARAB STATES, SAUDI ARABIA
AND JORDAN INCLUDED. AT THIS DIFFICULT JUNCTURE, ESPECIALLY
AFTER NEGATIVE ISRAELI REPLIES AND RELATED MATTERS HAVING TO DO
WITH PEACE PROCESS, GOE CANNOT BY ITSELF TAKE THIS ACTION.
MAHER REITERATED THAT GOE DOES NOT LIKE THE RESOLUTION AND LED
THE FIGHT TO IMPROVE IT BY DELETING REFERENCE TO US. BUT AT THIS

STAGE IT CANNOT DO MORE.

3. MAHER DID ASK WHAT SAUDI RESPONSE HAS BEEN. IF SAUDIS ARE PREPARED ACTIVELY WORK AGAINST IRAQI RESOLUTION BY WITHDRAWING THEIR COSPONSORSHIP, THEN GOE COULD RECONSIDER. BUT GOE CANNOT BE ALONE IN WITHDRAWING COSPONSORSHIP.

4. MAHER ARGUED THAT RESOLUTION IS NOT THAT IMPORTANT AND SUGGESTED USG WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO ACCEPT THE LIKELIHOOD OF PASSAGE AND LET THE INCIDENT PASS.

5. COMMENT: IN MY JUDGMENT, THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GET THE EGYPTIANS TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE MATTER IS IF PRINCE FAHD IS PREPARED TO WITHDRAW SAUDI COSPONSORSHIP. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY CAIRO ASAP FAHD'S REACTION TO OUR DEMARCHE. MCCLELLAND

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